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BELGRADE MEETING

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1. UPON DEPARTURE JULY 20 FOR THE NAM FONMINS' MEETING IN
BELGRADE JULY 25-29 INDONESIAN FONMIN MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA
TOLD THE PRESS THAT INDONESIA WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN A
DISCUSSION ON CUBA IF IT WERE RAISED AT BELGRADE. HE STATED
THAT INDONESIA, AS A PIONEER OF THE WORLD NON-ALIGNED MOVE-
MENT, WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THE MOVEMENT BECOME INVOLVED IN
THE CONFLICTS AMONG NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES THEMSELVES. INDO-
NESIA WOULD PRESENT A PAPER, HE ANNOUNCED, STRESSING THE
IMPORTANCE OF REINSTALLING THE SPIRIT OF GENUINE NON-
ALIGNMENT. FINALLY, HE COMMENTED THAT INDONESIA'S PARTICIPA-
TION AT THE NAM SUMMIT IN CUBA NEXT YEAR WOULD DEPEND ON
THE OUTCOME OF THE BELGRADE MEETING.

2. THE EMBASSY IN THE MEANTIME PRESENTED TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED IN REFTELS. THE
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ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HASEN
DJALIL, AFTER SIX YEARS AT THE INDONESIAN MISSION IN
NEW YORK, WAS ALREADY VERY FAMILIAR WITH U.S. POSITIONS
ON THESE ISSUES. HE COMMENTED SPECIFICALLY ON THE MEDIA
ISSUE SAYING THAT INDONESIA SYMPATHIZED WITH OUR POSI-
TION BUT THAT IT UNDERSTOOD, TOO, THE FACT OF THE EX-
TREMIST POSITIONS ON THIS QUESTION IN NAM. INDONESIA

HOPED AT BEST TO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN WORKING OUT A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, THE ONE PROPOSING THE MOST NEWS FREEDOM AND THE ONE ADVOCATING, IN EFFECT, GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND CENSORSHIP.

3. ON THE CUBAN ISSUE, DJALIK EXPLAINED THAT WHILE INDONESIA DID SYMPATHIZE WITH THOSE MEMBERS OF NAM WHO OBJECTED TO THE CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA AND TO THE CUBAN CONNECTION TO A SUPER POWER, IT THOUGH NAM UNITY WAS ESSENTIAL TO PRESERVE; INDONESIA, THEREFORE, WOULD NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVES IN SPEAKING OUT ON THIS ISSUE AT BELGRADE.

4. DJALIL WENT ON TO OUTLINE INDONESIA'S PLANNED EFFORT TO PLAY A BIGGER ROLE IN NAM, WORKING PRINCIPALLY WITH YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA AND SRI LANKA. HE DID NOT CONSIDER ANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO BE AS IMPORTANT IN THIS EFFORT. NIGERIA COULD SOMETIMES BE COUNTED ON TO SUPPORT MODERATE NAM POSITIONS, HE THOUGHT, BUT IN FOSTERING ITS IMAGE OF RADICALISM, IT WAS TOO OFTEN UPREDICTABLE. ZAIRE AND EGYPT HE SAW AS TOO WEAK IN NAM TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT MODERATING ROLE. DJALIL WAS CONFIDENT THAT AT BELGRADE, THE MODERATES COULD BE EXPECTED TO SPEAK OUT AND TO EXERT MORE INFLUENCE THAN THEY EVER HAD IN THE PAST.

5. ACCORDING TO DJALIL, IN THE PAPER THAT INDONESIA
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WILL PRESENT AT BELGRADE, INDONESIA WILL SEEK ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSENSUS APPROACH TO NAM DECISIONS, A METHOD BORROWED FROM INDONESIA'S OWN TRADITION AND APPLIED IN ITS LEGISLATURES WITH VARYING DEGREES OF SUCCESS. INDONESIA BELIEVES THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID CONFLICTS AMONG NAM COUNTRIES FROM SPLITTING AND DESTROYING NAM ITSELF.

6. ANOTHER IMPORTANT ISSUE AT THE NAME MEETING FROM INDONESIA'S POINT OF VIEW WILL, OF COURSE, BE THE AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING EAST TIMOR. INDONESIA SAW NO POINT IN TRYING TO REMOVE IT FROM THE AGENDA, DJALIL SAID, BUT WOULD SEEK TO PERSUADE MODERATE NAM MEMBERS TO RECORD THEIR RESERVATIONS TO ANY EXTREME ANTI-INDONESIAN RESOLUTION ON THIS QUESTION.

7. CONCERNING THE HAVANA SUMMIT, DJALIL DID NOT FORESEE ANY INDONESIAN SUPPORT FOR THOSE NAM MEMBERS WHO SOUGHT TO CANCEL THE HAVANA VENUE OR AT LEAST TO POSTPONE THE MEETING THERE. ALTHOUGH CONCEDING THAT THE SITE WAS UNFORTUNATE UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HE THOUGHT IT TOO LATE TO SEEK A SHIFT, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE WAS NO CLEARLY ACCEPTABLE

SITE.
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